

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 705

By Matlock

A RESOLUTION to recognize Charles Sigmon Valentine on becoming an Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young men with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Boy Scout can attain is that of Eagle Scout, and Charles Sigmon Valentine, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, has joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Valentine lives his life by demonstrating the three points of the Scout Oath, the twelve points of Scout Law, the Scout Motto, and the Scout Slogan; and

WHEREAS, the son of Charlie and Sandy Valentine and brother of Amy Valentine, Charles Sigmon Valentine is a senior at Lenoir City High School (LCHS), where he has demonstrated considerable ability as a leader among his peers as a Varsity member of the LCHS swim team for three years and as a member of the LCHS Singers, a twenty-four member concert choral group; and

WHEREAS, Charles Valentine plans to attend Salem Community College in Salem, New Jersey, and major in scientific and technical glassmaking; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Valentine began as a Cub Scout as a second grader with Cub Scout Pack 145 sponsored by the Central United Methodist Church (CUMC) and advanced to the rank of Webelos, earning the Arrow of Light Award before advancing into Boy Scout Troop 354; and

WHEREAS, his notable record of achievement as a member of Boy Scout Troop 354 includes twenty-four Merit Badges, distinguished service as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Senior Patrol Leader, and election to membership of the Order of the Arrow; and

WHEREAS, Charles Sigmon Valentine's Eagle Scout project, at the request of CUMC, greatly contributed to the betterment of his community and reflected the true spirit of Volunteerism by planning and leading the complete construction of a large concrete sidewalk connecting CUMC and Eaton Elementary School parking lots to facilitate pedestrian traffic between the two buildings during the school week and on Sunday mornings, as well as the installation of a concrete pad adjacent to the sidewalk that houses a park bench donated to the church; and

WHEREAS, he evinces his devout religious faith as an active member of Central United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause to recognize Charles Sigmon Valentine as one of the most outstanding young people in our State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize Charles Sigmon Valentine on becoming an Eagle Scout and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.